



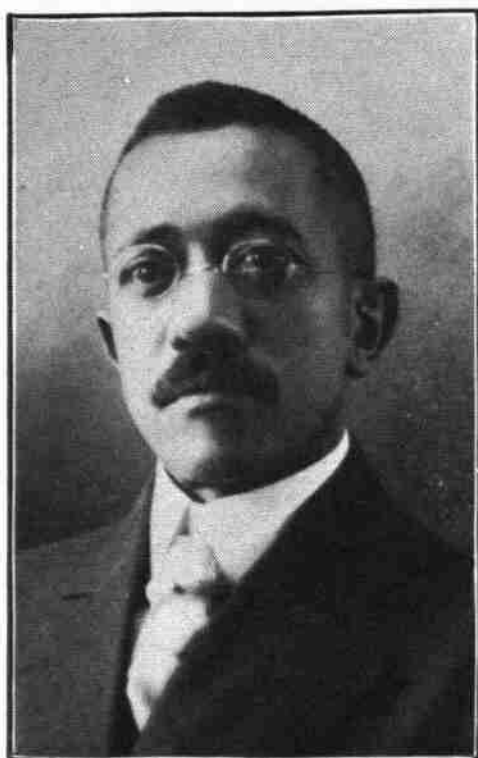
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, ALCORN AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE, ALCORN, MISS.

## Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College, Alcorn, Miss.

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**T**HE Southern Presbyterians established Oakland College, 1828. The property was sold to the state in 1871, and dedicated, under the name of Alcorn University, to the higher education of colored youth.

In 1878, the Mississippi legislature changed the name to "The Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College," complying with the Act of Congress in 1862, granting to the several states public lands to be sold by the states, the proceeds to be applied to the endowment, support, and maintenance of at least one college where the leading object shall be to teach writing, agriculture, cooking, and mechanical arts. "This land script fund," donated by the United States Government, had increased to \$227,000 in 1878, when the Mississippi legislature gave one half



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to Alcorn College. The interest is \$6,814 per year. All necessary expenses above that amount are provided by legislative appropriations. The approximate annual expense is \$45,000.

The college property comprises 300 acres, used for campus, cultivation, and pasture. There are 3 recitation buildings and 30 other buildings, including 16 houses for teachers. There were 541 students and 22 teachers in 1908.

By the New Morrill Bills, of 1890, "to apply a portion of the proceeds of the public lands to the more complete endowment and support of the college for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts, established under the provisions of 1862," each state and territory received \$15,000 from the national treasury for the year ending June 30, 1890; \$16,000 for the year ending June 30, 1891, etc., upon condition that in states requiring separate schools for white and colored children, an equitable division of the part received by said state shall be made for the agricultural and mechanical education of the children of the two races. Alcorn College will probably receive about \$10,000 annually from this source. The college aims to purify the heart. Each day's work is begun with devotional exercises. There is a Sunday-school and preaching service every Sunday and a prayer meeting Sunday and Wednesday nights.